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September 29, 1972

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

As you know, the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee conducted extensive oversight hearings this spring into the administration of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) by Executive departments and agencies during the past five years.

A copy of these hearings and the report based on them (H. Rept. 92-1419) are enclosed for your information. The report was unanimously approved by the Government Operations Committee last week and includes a number of important administrative recommendations directed to all Executive departments and agencies. They may be found on pages 81 and 82.

The Committee is convinced that many improvements in the operation of the Freedom of Information Act can be achieved by these administrative actions if they receive the full and active support by the head of each department and agency.

We are therefore requesting that you provide the Subcommittee with a formal response to these administrative recommendations, indicating what steps you plan to take to implement them, a timetable for such implementation, and such other actions you contemplate to improve the administration of the Act in your agency. If your agency does not intend to implement the Committee's recommendations, please explain. I would appreciate having such information by Wednesday, November 1, so that they may be properly evaluated prior to the beginning of the next Congress.

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Your cooperation in this important matter will be most appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William S. Moorhead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD
Chairman

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